

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554**

<b>In the Matter of:</b>	)	
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Universal Service Support Mechanism	)	
	)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Ex Parte Comments on Proposed Fourth Quarter 2004	)	
Universal Service Contribution Factor (DA 04-2976)	)	

**Comments of the American Library Association**

The American Library Association supports the comments filed by E-Rate Central and the State Coordinators' E-rate Alliance (SECA) on the Proposed Fourth Quarter 2004 Universal Service Contribution Factor (DA 04-2976).

The proposal to lower the contribution may exacerbate a cash flow issue brought about by the accounting change, and this cash flow issue may further delay funding commitments to libraries and schools.